

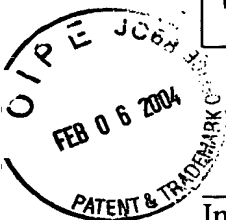
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated October 6, 2003 (Paper No. 8), finally rejecting claims 1-5, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows. Also submitted herewith is a Request and fee for the appropriate extension of time.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.